

South West and Peel Coastal Management Group (CoastSWaP)
Capes Coastal Stakeholder Forum, Wednesday 25th November 2015.
Minutes



Attendees

	Name	Organisation	Role
1.	John McKinney	Augusta Margaret River Shire Council	Senior Environmental officer
2.	Caroline Hughes	Capes Catchment Group	Coordinator
3.	Olivia Blizard	CoastSWaP	Research assistant/ Volunteer
4.	Kevin Lange	Friends of the Cape to Cape Track	Chair
5.	Jaqui Roberts	Lower Blackwood LCDC	Landcare manager
6.	Peter Eastlake	CoastSWaP	Treasurer
7.	Blair Darvill	CoastSWaP	Project Officer
8.	Steve Fairbairn	Friends of Redgate	Volunteer
9.	Vere Fairbairn	Friends of Redgate	Volunteer
10.	Jen Mitchell	SWCC	Coastal facilitator
11.	Chiara Danese		Consultant
12.	Genny Broadhurst	MR Coastal Residents Association	Environmental Coordinator
13.	Janet Dufall	MR Coastal Residents Association	Volunteer

Summary of key discussion points and actions.

- Volunteer networking, promotion and recruitment required for gap areas (Gracetown, Augusta)
- CoastSWaP to share info on successful initiatives / lessons learnt within Capes Region to broader SW network
- Friends of Redgate reforming, support for volunteers required

Stakeholder presentation and discussion	Action/ followup required from discussion
<p>Blair Darvill- Project Officer, CoastSWaP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated attendees on CoastSWaP Actions previous 12 Months and Future proposed actions; • Facilitated four regional stakeholder meetings in 2014, six planned for 2015. Facilitated Peel Harvey and Leschenault Forums 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update Capes stakeholders incl new contacts from DPaW, Redgate Coastcare, LBLCDC, FC2CT

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborated with Peron Naturaliste Partnership to facilitate 3 community coastal climate change adaptation presentations. • Presentations at National Coast to Coast Conference 2014 including lobbying for further state coastcare coordination and funding, plus hosting Bunbury Field Trip. • Committee rep for Western Australia Landcare Network http://www.landcarewa.org.au/ assisting with integrating coastcare into WALN actions and network. • CoastSWaP website and network updated. • 10 Case studies to be developed by June 2016 to compile and share practical information on key coastal planning and management topics as identified through forums. • Assisted SWCC with development of South West Coastal Action Plan. • Gauging support for facilitating SW regional Off Road Vehicles in the Coastal Zone Forum to assist with better management and minimising impacts from ORV's in the region. Requested info/ support from South Coast Management Group where applicable. Promoting Volunteer Rangers Program • Attended CHRMAP Forum, advocated for greater emphasis on community engagement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share coastal values studies and information to stakeholders
<p>John McKinney- Senior Environmental Officer, Shire of Augusta- Margaret River</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOT, UWA, Shire funding (\$80 000) to do coastal processes monitoring at Gnarabup next 12-24 months <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cameras installed on top of light pole. Shoot realtime video. Software averages 10 mins of video which produces average low and high water height. Helps to assess beach changes over time. ○ Wave monitoring buoys installed. And 8 other sensors in lagoon (wave height and direction)- whats happening with wave energy, changes in beach ○ Quarterly beach surveys and photopoints • Prevelly- Gnarabup Path needs realignment, managed retreat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Beach access=expensive needs continuous work. Hardwood walkway/ staircase \$1000/m ○ Potential to implement a soft engineering alternative – Blair proposed removing staircase and profiling access. ○ Completely removing access causes public outrage • CHRMAP- 100 year timeframe for coastal processes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will guide future development for the coastline ○ Coming out in the new year for public comment, consultants identified • Gnarabup Coastal Development- 118 beds • Revegetation projects around Hardy Inlet foreshore and Ringbolt Bay, options proposed to public for coastal trail from Boat Harbour to Cape Leeuwin. Concrete dual use path (\$1.7m) most popular as opposed to single walk trail. Very expensive and difficult to construct due to steep terrain. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include monitoring project in Case Study

<p>Caroline Hughes- Coordinator, Cape to Cape catchments Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted organisational strategic review, Coastcare Program identified as support based not onground. • Coastal area focus mainly Gnarabup/Prevelly and Redgate. Supported Redgate Tangaroa beach clean-ups with James Kimberly. • Looking to network to get people involved in Gracetown. Will promote and support other potential Friends of Groups on coastal foreshore areas. • Pypgrass and erosion control carried out with SWCC grant, NACC methodology not effective • Updated coastal condition assessment from 2013, useful document could include basic dune erosion info. • Volunteer team running differently now <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Used to be every week ○ No funding for leader- dropped as priority for funding ○ Help with funding where they can ○ Networking for more volunteers ○ Finding community groups weren't operating anymore- vols team doing everything ○ Want to encourage groups to be there-then later get the capes vols back in ○ Maybe need to change approach-ie survey of why not into it?/what priorities are? ○ Need to hook them in – ie only come for an hour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek further info from CCG and AMRS for Pyp Grass control and constraints with NACC methodology. • Share Gracetown contacts for potential volunteers. • Include Coastal Condition Assessment in Case Study and share to SW network • Propose Coastal Observers Program for MR area.
<p>Kevin Lange – Chair, Friends of the Cape to Cape Track</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cape Naturaliste to Leeuwin 135 km track, internationally recognised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maintaining track main priority • Work closely with DPAW – Kane Goodwin • Track mostly maintained by volunteers through Adoptee system- given a section of track- manage it when suits you. • Kilcarnup section / project being carried out –realignment? • Project with Margaret river offroad cycling and shire- south of the river winter diversion track. Cant cross river in winter-makes track inaccessible have to cross bridge and walk on Caves road. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will create a new walk to allow access ○ Grant applications underway. ○ Donation from McHenry Hohnen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add adoptee system/ model to case study.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional signage and track marking an upcoming project- move to metal signage. • Ultimate goal to have pedestrian only track, no fire trails or 4wd tracks included. 	
<p>Jaqui Roberts- Coordinator, Lower Blackwood LCDC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New to role • Focus on sustainable agriculture • Vehicle access Scott River an issue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Private property-not sure what to do • Would like to support Friends of Groups in Flinders Bay and The Cut, Picnic area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share previous coastal foreshore info and actions for Flinders Bay/ East Augusta with Jaqui Roberts.
<p>Steve and Vere Fairbairn – Volunteers, Friends of Redgate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redgate Residents for 5yrs , very active with Capes Volunteers Team. Great way to meet people, see places and have fun. • John McKinney – New Carpark planned for Redgate Beach, emergency access to be considered also • Interested in a Redgate coastcare role <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work with SWCC and Cape to Cape ○ Keen to do approx. 2 workdays a month plus work independently if possible. ○ Develop network of volunteers ○ Media release, meet stakeholders and vols onsite to develop basic workplan ○ Followup on previous work, black plastic webbing worked well as stabiliser and seedling survival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up with stakeholders to assist with reformation of redgate coastcare and workplanning.
<p>Genny Broadhurst and Janet Dufall- Coordinators, MR Coastal Residents Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good relationship with shire and long term volunteers has helped to stay afloat • Everything site specific- need new people to try new things (ie windrows out of brush) • Remaining successful • Kids involvement, local and visiting schools • Mr coastal resident assn = eyes on the ground. Shire helps facilitate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Works for shire because MRCRA are very self sufficient 	

- Pyp grass funding ongoing-no good if stops after 3yrs.
- Natural dune revegetation is great
- Need to differentiate chronic erosion from seasonal in terms of reveg efforts

Jen Mitchell- Coastal Facilitator, South West Catchments Council

- No resources for marine – coastal only
- Now only 1 FTE for over 400kms of coastline
- 2015 projects included; 11000 seedlings over 3.28HA over 7 sites, coir logs, bollards, brushing, wire rope- new for SWCC
 - Success rate unknown at this stage
- Consolidate work at past sites is a focus for next 12 months
- Capes priorities
 - Brushing and planting gracetown
 - Support friends of redgate beach monitoring
- City of Busselton
 - Smiths brushing with YLCDC
 - Brushing and planting Yallingup
- CAP- Workshops, feedback through extensive stakeholder consultation
 - Soon to release final version
- Discussion
 - DPAW great to work with-involved in CAP a lot
 - Heavily limited- yet always involved
 - Local contacts Gracetown- Developing contacts- school, advertised community day, CB Boardriders interested. Use networks to pass on info to others
 - Smiths- Yallingup LCDC committee and volunteers
 - In Gero interested volunteers- no contribution from local gov
 - Need more support
 - Raises awareness, cheap labour